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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senators Jackson and Hollings and Messrs.
Braswell and Woolsey re Latest Developments Concerning
Soviet ICBM Program

1. Today I accompanied Mr. Carl Duckett in briefing Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) and Miss Dorothy Fosdick and Mr. Richard Perle, of his Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, and later Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D., S.C.) on recent developments regarding Soviet ICBM. Senator Jackson had originally requested the briefing through his staff, and later had suggested that Senator Hollings get the benefit of the same briefing. I later covered the same points with Braswell and Woolsey.

2. In these briefings Mr. Duckett covered the following points:

a. Lift-off testing of a new large Soviet ICBM, estimated carrier payload double that of the SS-9.

b. Logical possibility that this weapon is intended for MIRV warheads.

c. The new type Soviet silo construction resulting in increased survivability.

d. Apparent Soviet efforts to improve the accuracy of their ICBMs, as reflected in elaborate new tracking installations and in recent developments regarding naval missiles.

e. Possible deactivation of SS-7 sites.

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